

FUNDING AND BEYOND: WATERSHED GRANTS

OUR WATERSHED GRANTS INCLUDE FUNDING AND MUCH MORE,
OFFERING THE ASSISTANCE OF IOWA WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROFESSIONALS

If you're considering creating a watershed project to improve your stream, river or lake, you know that clean water starts with your community. That doesn't mean you're on your own for funding and planning your project – applying for grants and incentives from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Division of Soil Conservation (DSC) and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can add to your project's success.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

If you have a local stream, river or lake that is of concern, needs its good water quality maintained or is included on the state's impaired waters list, your group may be eligible for grant funding from a number of sources.

Watershed projects eligible for funding:

- Target problem areas, especially in impaired watersheds
- Implement watershed-based plans
- Implement conservation practices based on water monitoring and/or a watershed assessment
- Reduce erosion and protect soil productivity
- Reduce pollutants reaching waters
- Protect or enhance water quality
- Protect infrastructure
- Provide flood control

BOOST YOUR PROJECT

Our grants can provide:

- Valuable technical and other specialized assistance
- Confidence knowing your project is on the right track with step-by-step guidance and evaluation
- Improved project exposure and participation through communication efforts
- Cost savings, including help securing additional funding

WATERSHED PLANNING ASSISTANCE GRANTS

These grants help you evaluate your watershed and

plan a quality watershed project. These grants assist with watershed assessment – identifying problems in the watershed, proposing potential solutions, creating a watershed plan for your project and surveying landowner interest. They also can help you apply for funding to get the project rolling.

WATER QUALITY PROJECT GRANTS

Once you have a watershed plan, you can apply for funding to implement your project from the DNR and DSC. These grants go beyond funding, offering the knowledge and experience of DNR, DSC and NRCS on project planning and guidance, public relations efforts, and help carrying out the project with technical assistance, technical issues and tools.

Funding for watershed projects is also available from the Iowa Watershed Improvement Review Board (WIRB). WIRB is a 15-member appointed board authorized to award watershed and water quality improvement grants to groups. DSC provides administrative support.

HOW TO APPLY

To learn more about applying for our grants, contact your regional watershed coordinator (see our staff insert) or visit:

- <http://watershed.iowadnr.gov/devgrants.html>
- www.iowadnr.gov/water/nonpoint/app.html
- www.iowaagriculture.gov/requestForApplications.asp
- www.iowaagriculture.gov/IWIRB.asp

